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COAL RESERVES AND ITS DEMAND
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Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the coal reserves in the country, mine-wise and company-wise;

(b) the demand of coal at the end of 10th and 11th Five Year Plan respectively;

(c) whether the Government has a plan to meet this demand;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) the details of the investment made in coal sector during each of the last three years;

(f) whether the temporary coal linkage given to companies is still continuing; and

(g) if so, the year-wise details thereof during each of the last two years?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO)

(a) to (g): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement referred to in reply to parts (a) to (g) of Lok Sabha Starred Question No.157 for answer on 03.08.2005 regarding coal reserves and its demand

(a): Coal inventory is assessed by Geological Survey of India annually for different coalfields and not mine wise of coal companies. A total of 247,847 Million tonnes coal resources have been estimated in India, upto 1200m depth, as per the latest estimate of Geological Survey of India (as on 1.1.05). The company command area wise distribution of these coal resources is given below:

Company	Resources (Million Tonnes)	Company	Resources (Million Tonnes)	Company	Resources (Million Tonnes)
Eastern Coal fields Ltd.	43888	Western Coalfields Ltd.	11509	Mahanadi Coal- fields Ltd.	60983
Bharat Coking Coal Ltd.	19430	South Eastern Coalfields Ltd	44838	North Eastern Coalfields	910
Central Coalfields Ltd.	36860	Northern Coalfields Ltd Company Ltd.	12503	Singareni Collieries	16926

Note: A small quantity of reserves in Raniganj coalfield belongs to BCCL but has been included in ECL as detailing are not available.

(b): The demand of coal by end of 10th Plan and 11th Plan is assessed as 473.18 Million tonnes (as assessed by Planning Commission during midterm appraisal) and 676 Million tonnes (as assessed now) respectively .

(c) &(d): Yes Sir. As per the plan a production level of 431.50 Million tonnes and 593 Million tonnes will be achieved by the end of Xth and XIth Plan period respectively. To bridge the gap between demand and availability of coal, besides import of coal, following steps have been taken to ensure adequate availability of coal:

(i) Coal India Limited has been asked to increase production from existing mines and expedite production from new projects.

(ii) 146 coal mine blocks have been identified for allocation for captive mining. Out of these, 86 coal blocks have been allotted/decided for allocation to different consumers and more are under process.

(iii) State and Central Government companies are being allotted coal mining blocks without restriction of captive mining.

(iv) Exploration for new coal blocks has been expedited.

(v) Procedure for project approvals has been streamlined.

(vi) Minstry of Power has been advised to import about 14 million - tonnes of Coal during 2005-06.

(e): The capital investment made by CIL during last three years is furnished below:

(Rs. in crores)		
2002-03	2003-04	2004-05(prov.)
1192.18	1277.59	1170.26

(f): As per existing policy no temporary coal linkage was granted to consumersduring last two years.

(g): Does not arise in view of reply given to part (f) above.